









VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & C. steamer *Oceanic*, with the next  
merican mail, leaves Yokohama on the 22nd,  
& may be expected here on or about the 29th  
November.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The direct steamers, with the next Indian  
mail, left Calcutta on the 19th November, and  
may be looked for here on or about the 6th  
December.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ren Line steamer *Danbury* left Singapore  
on the 13th, and is due here on or about the 2nd  
inst.

The D. D. R. steamer *Electra* left Singapore  
on the afternoon of the 15th, and may be looked  
for here on or about the 22nd inst.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenavon* left Singa-  
pore on the 19th, and is due here on the 25th  
inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Deucalion* left  
Singapore on the morning of the 17th, and is  
expected to arrive here on the 23rd inst.

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POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

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**LOCAL.**  
The *General Ship*, at the Peak Kowloon, Aberdeen, Keel, nor at any private house (even though named in the address) where there is a place of business in the city. Delivery can be effected at the Post Office, par. 159.)

The above Regulation is not new, but has been the invariable rule of the Post Office for many years. Considerable efforts have been made to prevent, however its being generally understood: To prevent, hence, if possible, any further misapprehension in the matter, it will appear prominently on all Mail Lists issued twice every day from the *Daily Press* Office.

The *Postal Guide* for 1884, revised & corrected, will be found in the *Daily Press* Directory, par. 633, 4th edition. This is the only authorized complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

**237** The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the only published weekly each day in our Extra, which is always forwarded to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Bangkok.—*Per Danube*, to-day, the 22nd inst., at 7.30 A.M.  
For Batavia and Calcutta.—*Per J. Apoor and Taiyang*, to-day, the 22nd inst., at 2.30 P.M.  
For Shanghai.—*Per Ningpo*, to-day, the 22nd inst., at 3.30 P.M.  
For Amoy.—*Per Masilia*, to-day, the 22nd inst., at 5.00 P.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—*Per Douglas*, on Monday, the 24th inst., at 4.00 P.M.  
For Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Foochow, Tientsin, Hankow, Peking, and other ports, via Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—*Per Tamsui*, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
The French Contract Packet *francat*, will be despatched on the 23rd inst. and the 2nd Decima, for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry, Malacca, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.**  
THE DAILY MAIL.  
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—  
Day of Departure.  
None.—Money Order Office closed.  
2.03 P.M.—Posting of Letters ceases. Reception of all printed matter and *parcels* ceases.  
3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters. Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

Edgett, Master, will load here for the above

the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.  
Day before Departure.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except night box, which is always open out of office hours.

Day of Departure.

7 A.M. Post Office opens.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and postpaid letters.

11 A.M. Mails close, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until.

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely. 11.40 A.M. Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office are allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to send them by ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid 10 cents.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

to request that this notice be placed for sailing at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

**LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.**

1.—Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Special Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Colonies, to China, to Malacca, to Japan, to Messageries P&O, to the Straits Settlements, to Ceylon, and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight not to exceed 5 lbs. Small parcels may be sent by 2 lbs. by 2 in. Small parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, *Parcel containing no letter*, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2.—The registration of contents and the receipt of value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels is compulsory for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

**RATES OF POSTAGE.**

Letters, per 4 oz. ....	30 Cent.
Post Cards, each ....	3 Cent.
Books, per 4 oz. ....	2 Cent.
Papers, per 2 oz. ....	5 Cent.
Newspapers & Prices Current, each	0 Cent.
Registration ....	15 Cent.

Commercial papers signify such papers as though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, bills of exchange, &c. Parcels under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 cents.

WESTERN MONARCH, Brit. ship, Erickson.-  
Captain.

(2) The Superintending or First Class Writers or School-mistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by the English Mail at the rate of two cents (one penny), each, or by the French Mail at the rate of four cents (two pence) each. The postage may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps, but the rate of postage on letters sent by the French Mail must not exceed beyond Great Britain and the Channel Islands, such as India, Malta, &c. the postage is 2 cents (one penny).

(3) The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Private and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

(4) The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c. can be sent along with the ends excepted.

(5) The rank of the Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, and the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with the rank of the Soldier or Sailor, his class and description with name of regiment, ship, &c. must be stated in full.

(6) Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be sent, except by Imperial Stamps.

\* By Postage Vagrant Officers, viz.—Com. Lectur. Grammar School, or Organist.



